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OUR COLUMBIA LETTER.

**News in the Capital City--
Many Improvements in
Progress--Automobiles to
Burn--Other Matters.**

Mr. Editor: It is with great pleasure that your scribe again takes up the correspondence to The Lancaster News from the capital city. It may be with regret that the editor and printers of The News see these articles again started up, but your scribe is taking you up and so "it's up to you" to say "No."

We reached here Saturday, August 1st, about 5 p. m. to cast our lot in this grand old city. We dreaded to leave our numerous friends behind; we disliked to leave the town which is making rapid strides towards prosperity. We regret that we shall not be there to enjoy the progress that old Lancaster is making. But the fates have brought us here and we have no complaint. For Columbia is a most beautiful city, one of the coming cities of the South. Where is he and who is he who does not love his state and the capital of his state? Surely any man who has ever seen Columbia and doesn't like it should be treated for "mental absence." And now that so many improvements are being made!

Yes, there are many improvements which either have been or will be made and the good work is going on now. The streets are being beautified. The state house grounds are now a thing of beauty and work is still being done which when completed will be a credit to the grand old commonwealth, South Carolina.

In the business and residential sections changes are being made which will make Columbia a "Columbia beautiful." Her suburbs are very pretty ones. Her people are refined, and could go on and on to tell of improvements but time forbids.

Shortly after we arrived Saturday we had the--well, don't know what to say, but we saw it. It was an automobile on fire on Main street. The alarm was sent in and the superb Johnny-on-the-spot, Get-there-quick Fire Department was soon there. Only about \$35.00 damage was done but my! the excitement.

And talking about autos, Columbia has some grand machines anyway, and now they have some most magnificent ones. They are called the "White Steamer" and cost \$4,200. They make no noise whatever and it takes inspection to describe them. May your humble servant have a few hundred shipped to Lancaster?

The moving picture show is a fad in Columbia. There are six or more. Some carry vaudeville and acrobatic acts, et cetera. At the Columbia Theatre is a camero-phain. I am unable to describe it but it is talking, singing, dancing and acting motion pictures. There is a phonograph connection in some way. It makes the pictures look like they are talking, singing, etc. If any one wants a fuller explanation they may come down and see for themselves. It is truly wonderful.

It's hot down here but in the afternoon one can take a nice ride on the street car and get refreshed.

The Columbia concert band affords much pleasure two nights a week on the State House grounds. This is a fine band

and gives very enjoyable concerts.

Then there is the Hyatt Park Casino, where good shows are given each night. At Ridgewood there are dances, etc.

Well, Mr. Editor as your scribe is writing, a nice shower is beginning to fall. It is needed too. Yes, we miss Lancaster and wish her much success. We shall ever look to her new achievements, etc., with much interest and pride.

The Lancaster News shall always be welcomed. It shall be as a letter from home.

And now fellow readers let us help The Lancaster News as much as we can and let's make it second to no paper in South Carolina.

And let's boom our state, our capital and dear old Lancaster. Push Lancaster and Push Columbia.

With best wishes to The News and all Lancaster, I beg to close, remaining as ever a faithful and dutiful lover of Lancaster.

Jno. M. Banks.
Columbia, S. C., Aug. 5, '08.

Register! Register! !

An Urgent Appeal to Democrats from State Chairman Jones.

To the Democratic Voters of South Carolina.

Fellow Democrats: In view of the great indifference which seems to exist among the Democrats of this state as to registering under the new law requiring all voters to register this year, I feel it to be my duty as your chairman to address you in this public manner, and urge you to go to your county seats at once and register. There is no doubt about the fact that the negroes are registering in great numbers in some counties and if the Democrats do not register they can not vote in the general election in November next, and some of the congressmen may be defeated. The electoral ticket of this state may also be endangered by the failure of the Democrats to register. The time expires Sept. 1st 1908, and after that it will be almost impossible to be registered. We have heard of late various threats that our representation in congress would be reduced by a Republican congress on account of our small vote in the general election. All indications now are that the next house of representatives will be very close, and the past history of the Republican party proves that that party will stop at nothing to count in a working majority.

Now, fellow Democrats, do not allow this serious charge to be made against you, but go immediately and register, and be prepared to roll up a big majority for the Democratic electoral ticket and also for our congressional nominees. The Democratic county chairmen throughout the state are urged to earnestly request the Democrats in their respective counties to attend to this important matter at once and to use their best efforts to get them out immediately, as the time expires for registration September 1, 1908.

Very respectfully,
Willie Jones, Chairman.

THE ROAD QUESTION.

A Farmer Writes Enthusiastically about the New Road Law.

Mr. Editor: I hope you will not regard me as being greedy of your valuable space, but I have been asked by some of the friends of the Better Road System to say a few words on this line. In the first place, I wish to say that the greatest kickers

we have now on the progressive road system are those least concerned. I mean by that, that those who pay least taxes are kicking worst. But, really, they are not so much to blame after all, for a few designing politicians are holding up their hands in holy horror and crying out a hardship. Well, we do hope that those poor men who have been complaining of having to work the roads for the benefit of the rich will not allow those designing politicians to demoralize their wits so much that they may not know that this new road system is just the thing that they have been praying for, viz: a tax on the property in the county. Now, as soon as a law is enacted that makes the property owners pay for the road the designing politician comes in and tries to pull the wool over your eyes and stop you from voting for the men who started the ball rolling in the right direction. If this better road system had been started twenty years ago we here in Lancaster county would have had something in the way of progress to boast of now. The people in this community are showing good judgment and a progressive spirit by standing for good roads. This is a day of progress in which we live and we should show a progressive spirit by our good roads. Don't let us retrograde, but push forward and show where we stand on this matter of Better Roads. Nothing that we know of so clearly indicates the degree and amount of progressive spirit in a community as the condition of its roads. Our agricultural importance demands better roads, and to keep pace with other enterprises we must have better roads. The property owners are in favor of better roads and are ready to pay the taxes to get the roads, and but for the bow-wow of some designing politicians, all stand ready to support the new road law.

Other counties in this state are going ahead with the Better Road System--why not Lancaster. If we are to have better roads some radical changes and forward steps must be made, and why not now? Let us act like men and show to the world that we are a progressive people. At certain seasons of the year there are places in our public roads that are a disgrace to a civilized people. The new road law will better these conditions and we will

be proud of those men who started the good road system in the Legislature of 1908. Then we will get rid of those mud holes, those hills that give us so much hard pulling for our teams, those ditches in the middle of the road which have been made there by the flow of water from above, and will be able to have some degree of safety when traveling. Let the good work move on, and all honor to those who started the movement. L.

Rock Hill Woman Wanted on Charge of Abducting Her Own Child.

Boston, Mass., special in the Charlotte Observer: Chief Inspector Watts of police headquarters has instructed all of his men to be on the watch for two persons, a man and a woman, wanted for child abduction in two different instances. The man is wanted in Chicago and the woman is wanted in Rock Hill, S. C.

The woman is Mrs. Almetta Hinson and a reward of \$50 is offered for her arrest. The man is Frank J. Blair, charged with kidnaping Veronica Cassidy, 12 years old, in Chicago July 30th. Mrs. Hinson returned to her home and secured her 7-year-old son, Willie, and on April 28th disappeared. She is 36 years old, weighs about 125 pounds, has dark hair, slightly streaked with gray about the temples. There is a scar under her left cheek bone, and her right eye-tooth is crowned with gold.

Dr. J. B. Delvaux, 60 years old, claiming to be a Frenchman by birth, is sought by the police in this case, for they say that it is their opinion that he can shed some light upon the mysterious disappearance of the woman, and he may tell something of her present whereabouts. He speaks English with an accent.

Chief of Police U. C. Partlow, of Rock Hill, has written a very urgent appeal to the local officers asking them to endeavor to apprehend the Hinson woman and the man Delvaux, for it is believed the child is with them, and the child is what they desire most to recover. Chief Partlow wrote that he felt inclined for several excellent reasons to believe that the woman is in Boston.

Dr. Fennell Buys Rock Hill Hospital.

Rock Hill Herald: The Rock Hospital, which has been the property of the physicians of the city, has been purchased by Dr. W. W. Fennell of this city and in the future the institution will be run under his supervision. Dr. Fennell has gained quite a reputation as a surgeon and the purchasing of the hospital will no doubt add much to his fame.

There are many imitations of DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve but just one original. Nothing else is just as good. Insist on DeWitt's. It is cleansing, cooling and soothing. Sold by all druggists. w-s

THE COUNTY CAMPAIGN

The Opening Tuesday at the Hall Picnic in the Pleasant Valley Section.

Editor The News:

The annual picnic at John W. Hall's was held on the 4th inst. The meeting was opened by a song by the Belair choir followed by prayer by Rev. C. P. Carter. The chairman, D. K. Hall, presiding and announcing candidates. The candidates for Representative came first, each one discussing the issues in his own way--road law, immigration bureau, lien law--these being the main issues. Foster with his anecdotes kept the crowd in a roar. Then came those for Sheriff. Judging from the continued cheering and tears shed, they showed the high esteem in which our veteran Sheriff Hunter is held in this section of the county. The others made fine speeches. The candidates for the different offices came in order. While mentioning good roads, we must not fail to compliment the speakers for superintendence of education.

Sapp generally rises in spring of year, but this being election year, it is now rising in August. We must compliment the nice music rendered by Van Wyck string band, especially the comic songs after the exercises. There was nothing to mar the pleasures of the day and the spacious dinner spread was highly enjoyed. As usual our friend Rodgers had soup ready for the crowd. The crowd numbered near a thousand. All went home after having spent a very pleasant day.

Your scribe followed the candidates the next day to Van Wyck and enjoyed the hospitality of these good people. While on the way to Van Wyck we noticed many added improvements, such as the homes of the late Edward Nesbit, J. M. Yoder and the old Nesbit homestead. These will compare with many city homes.

Quite a large crowd from this place attended the picnic at Waxhaw Thursday.

James O. Hall.

Four Residences and Two Churches Struck by Lightning in Spartanburg.

Spartanburg special in Thursday's Observer: Lightning struck four residences, two churches and stunned several people during a severe electrical storm this afternoon. Three of the residences that were struck were badly damaged and one was set on fire. Silver Hill Methodist church was struck in three places and the tower demolished. A small colored church on Charles street was set on fire by a bolt of lightning and the fire department had to be called out to extinguish the flames.

Summer complaints and other serious ailments common in hot weather can be traced to the stomach nine times out of ten. Keep the stomach in good order right now by keeping a bottle of Kodol handy in the house all the time, but especially during this month. Take Kodol whenever you feel that you need it. That is the only time that you need to take Kodol. Just when you need it; Then you will not be troubled with sour stomach, belching, gas on the stomach, bloating, dyspepsia and indigestion. Sold by all druggists. w-s

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